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I'M NOT SURE, DARLING! IT'S JUST THIS ONE SINGLE WORD!
PERHAPS I FED THE COMPUTER THE WRONG DATA! I'VE GOT TO TRY IT AGAIN!
NOT TILL AFTER DINNER, DEAR!
DON'T WORRY, SUSIE! OL' STRETCHO AINT ABOUT TA STARVE!
OKAY, SUE! I'LL PUT IT OFF TILL LATER!
ME, I'M GONNA STAY GLUED TA THE BOOB TUBE TODAY!
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WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! I SHOULD HAVE MADE THE CONNECTION IMMEDIATELY!
SEA OF TRANQUILITY
LM-EAGLE WILL LAND
NASA
SOMEWHERE IN SPACE, THE MURDEROUS KREE HAVE BEEN WATCHING US--MONITORING OUR PROGRESS--
AND THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR PLAN FOR HUMANS TO SET FOOT UPON THE SEA OF TRANQUILITY!
AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ON A DISTANT PACIFIC ISLE--
I HAVE RECEIVED MY ORDERS FROM THE KREE COUNCIL SUPREME!
KLIK!
AND, AS A PRE-PROGRAMMED SENTRY, I MUST EXECUTE THEM --WITHOUT FAIL!
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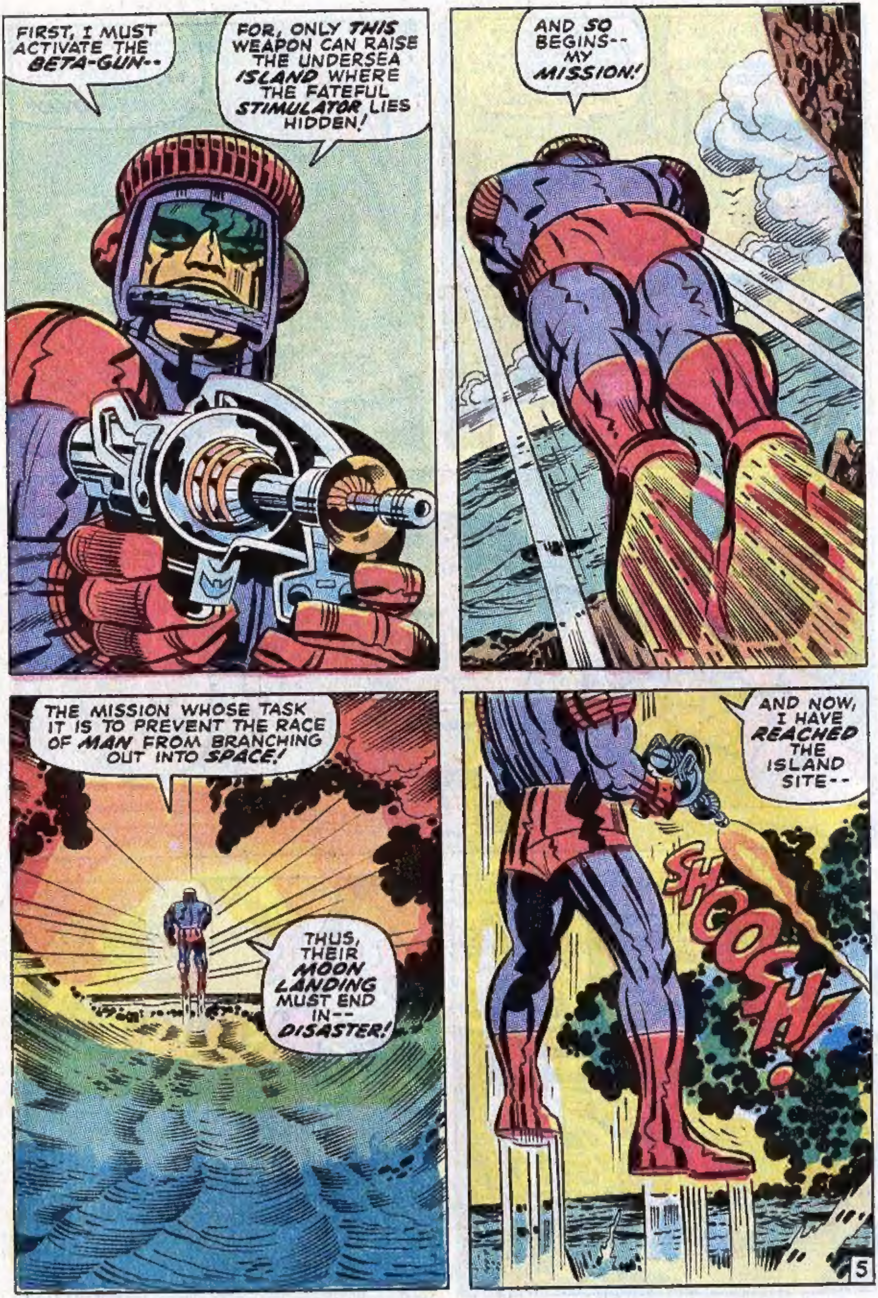
FIRST, I MUST ACTIVATE THE BETA-GUN--
FOR, ONLY THIS WEAPON CAN RAISE THE UNDERSEA ISLAND WHERE THE FATEFUL STIMULATOR LIES HIDDEN!
AND SO BEGINS-- MY MISSION!
THE MISSION WHOSE TASK IT IS TO PREVENT THE RACE OF MAN FROM BRANCHING OUT INTO SPACE!
THUS, THEIR MOON LANDING MUST END IN-- DISASTER!
AND NOW, I HAVE REACHED THE ISLAND SITE--
SHOOSH!
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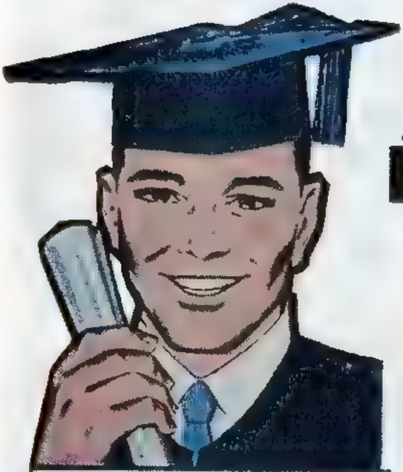

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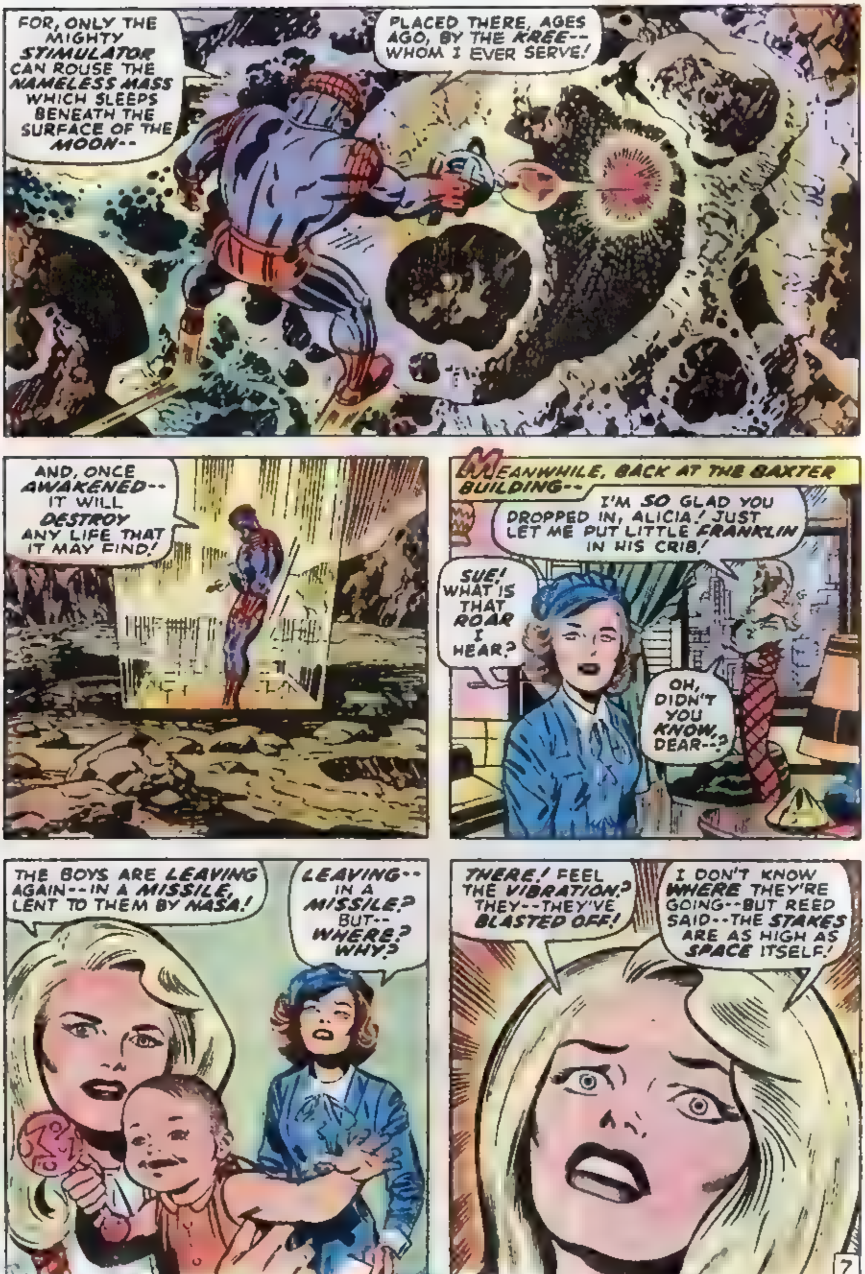
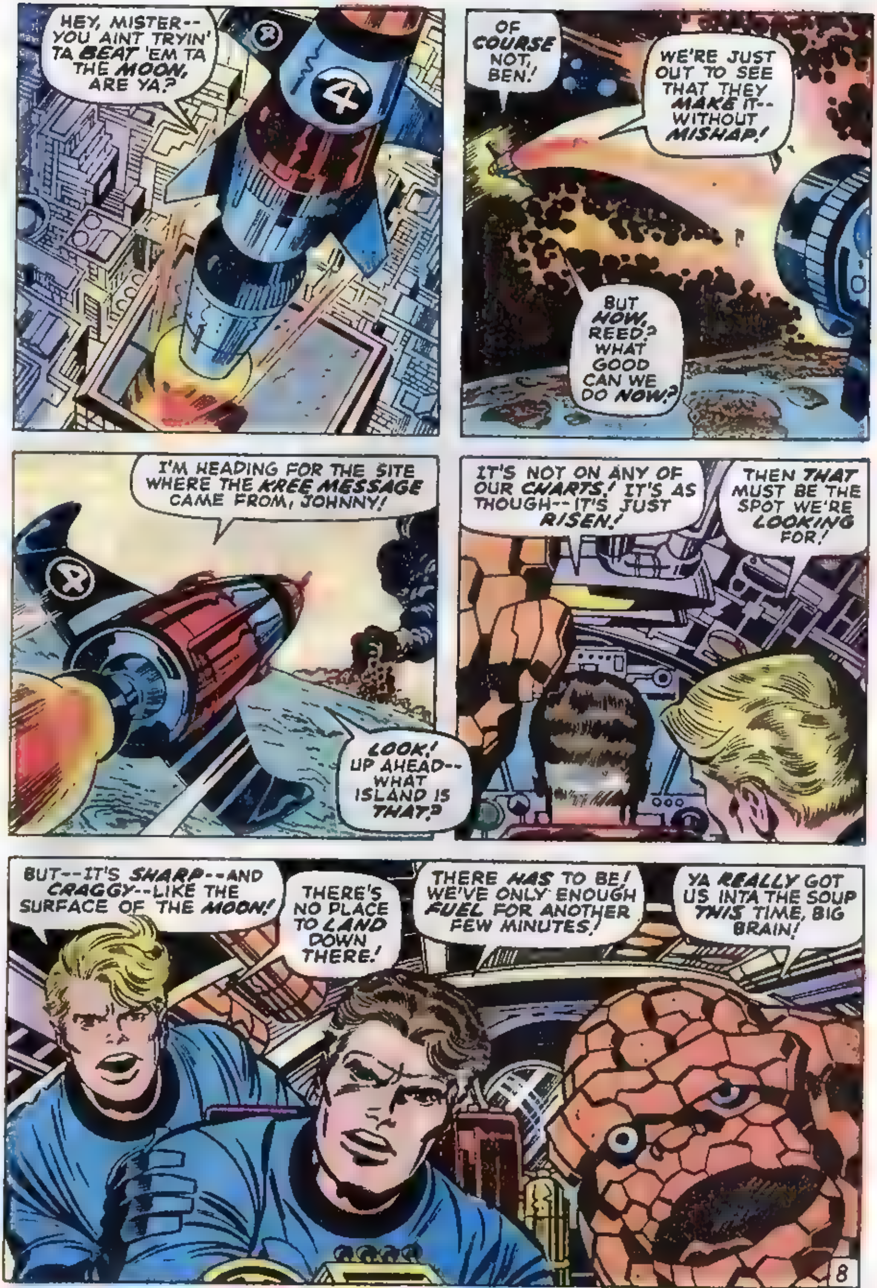


FOR, ONLY THE MIGHTY STIMULATOR CAN ROUSE THE NAMELESS MASS WHICH SLEEPS BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE MOON--
PLACED THERE, AGES AGO, BY THE KREE-- WHOM I EVER SERVE!
AND, ONCE AWAKENED-- IT WILL DESTROY ANY LIFE THAT IT MAY FIND!
MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE BAXTER BUILDING--
I'M SO GLAD YOU DROPPED IN, ALICIA! JUST LET ME PUT LITTLE FRANKLIN IN HIS CRIB!
SUE! WHAT IS THAT ROAR I HEAR?
OH, DIDN'T YOU KNOW, DEAR--?
THE BOYS ARE LEAVING AGAIN--IN A MISSILE, LENT TO THEM BY NASA!
LEAVING-- IN A MISSILE? BUT-- WHERE? WHY?
THERE! FEEL THE VIBRATION? THEY--THEY'VE BLASTED OFF!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING--BUT REED SAID--THE STAKES ARE AS HIGH AS SPACE ITSELF!



HEY, MISTER-- YOU AINT TRYIN' TA BEAT 'EM TA THE MOON, ARE YA?
OF COURSE NOT, BEN!
WE'RE JUST OUT TO SEE THAT THEY MAKE IT-- WITHOUT MISHAP!
BUT NOW, REED? WHAT GOOD CAN WE DO NOW?
I'M HEADING FOR THE SITE WHERE THE KREE MESSAGE CAME FROM, JOHNNY!
LOOK! UP AHEAD-- WHAT ISLAND IS THAT?
IT'S NOT ON ANY OF OUR CHARTS! IT'S AS THOUGH--IT'S JUST RISEN!
THEN THAT MUST BE THE SPOT WE'RE LOOKING FOR!
BUT--IT'S SHARP--AND CRAGGY--LIKE THE SURFACE OF THE MOON!
THERE'S NO PLACE TO LAND DOWN THERE!
THERE HAS TO BE! WE'VE ONLY ENOUGH FUEL FOR ANOTHER FEW MINUTES!
YA REALLY GOT US INTA THE SOUP THIS TIME, BIG BRAIN!
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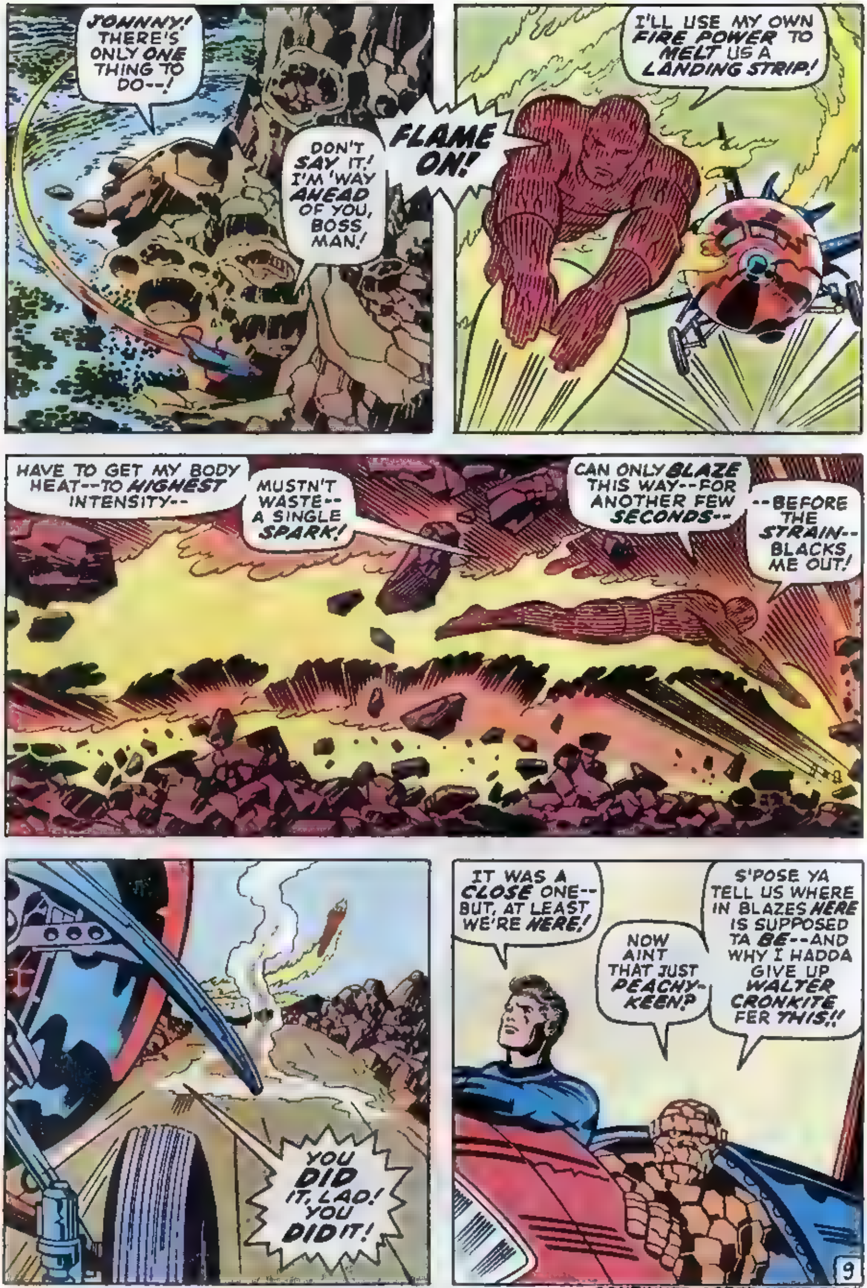

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BUT WHY?
LOOK, STRETCHO--IF YER EXPECTIN' TA FIND SOMEONE HERE, I'LL FLUSH 'IM OUT FOR YA REAL FAST!
KRAK!
SINCE THERE AINT ANY DOORBELLS TA RING--
THIS OUGHTTA LET 'EM KNOW WE'RE HERE!
BKOOM
AT THAT SAME SPLIT-SECOND, AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, ANOTHER MIGHTY BLAST IS HEARD--AT CAPE KENNEDY--AS APOLLO LIFTS OFF FOR THE MOON--!
THEY'RE AWAY!!
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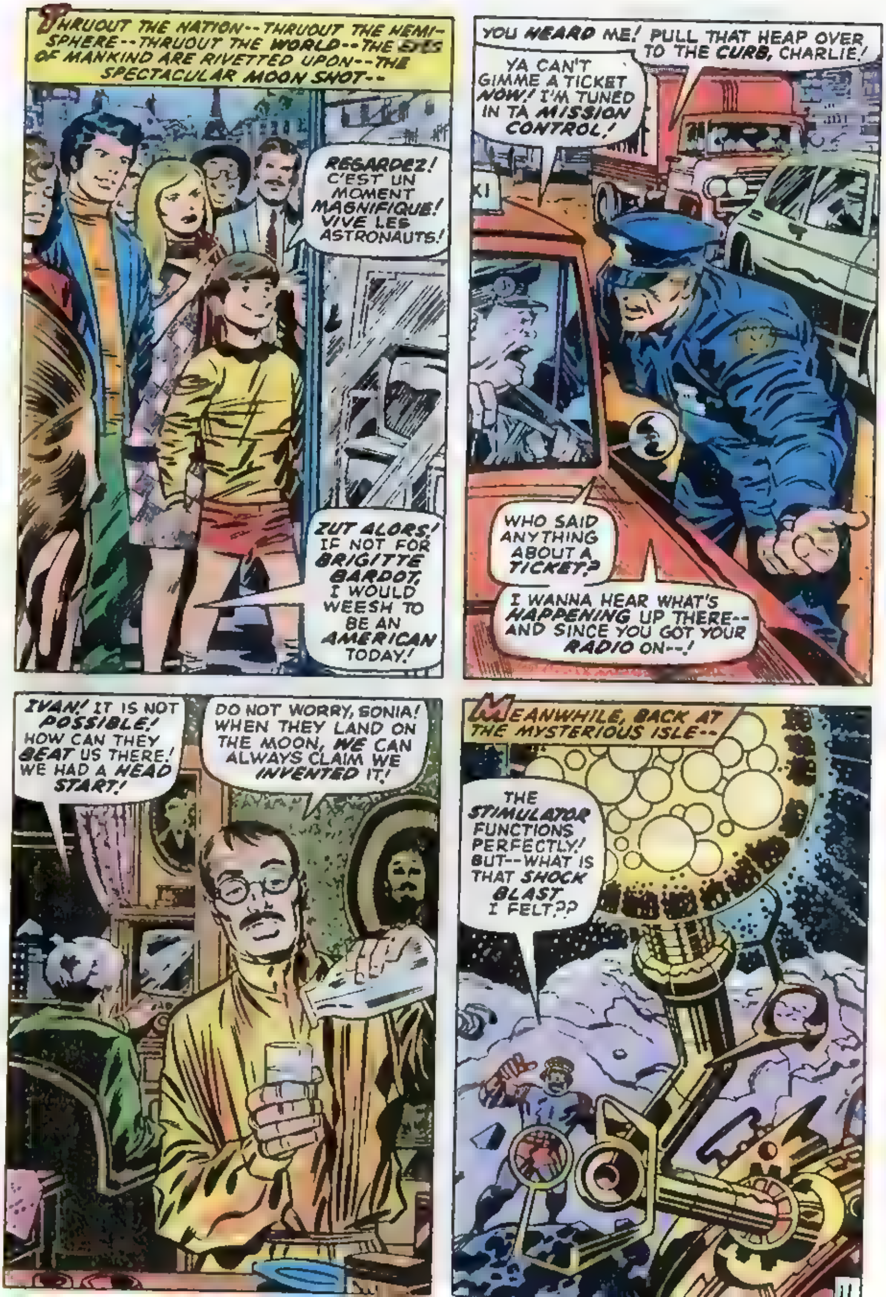
THRUOUT THE NATION--THRUOUT THE HEMI-SPHERE--THRUOUT THE WORLD--THE EYES OF MANKIND ARE RIVETTED UPON--THE SPECTACULAR MOON SHOT--
REGARDEZ! C'EST UN MOMENT MAGNIFIQUE! VIVE LES ASTRONAUTS!
ZUT ALORS! IF NOT FOR BRIGITTE BARDOT, I WOULD WEESH TO BE AN AMERICAN TODAY!
YOU HEARD ME! PULL THAT HEAP OVER TO THE CURB, CHARLIE!
YA CAN'T GIMME A TICKET NOW! I'M TUNED IN TA MISSION CONTROL!
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT A TICKET??
I WANNA HEAR WHAT'S HAPPENING UP THERE--AND SINCE YOU GOT YOUR RADIO ON--!
IVAN! IT IS NOT POSSIBLE! HOW CAN THEY BEAT US THERE! WE HAD A HEAD START!
DO NOT WORRY, SONIA! WHEN THEY LAND ON THE MOON, WE CAN ALWAYS CLAIM WE INVENTED IT!
MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE MYSTERIOUS ISLE--
THE STIMULATOR FUNCTIONS PERFECTLY! BUT--WHAT IS THAT SHOCK BLAST I FELT??
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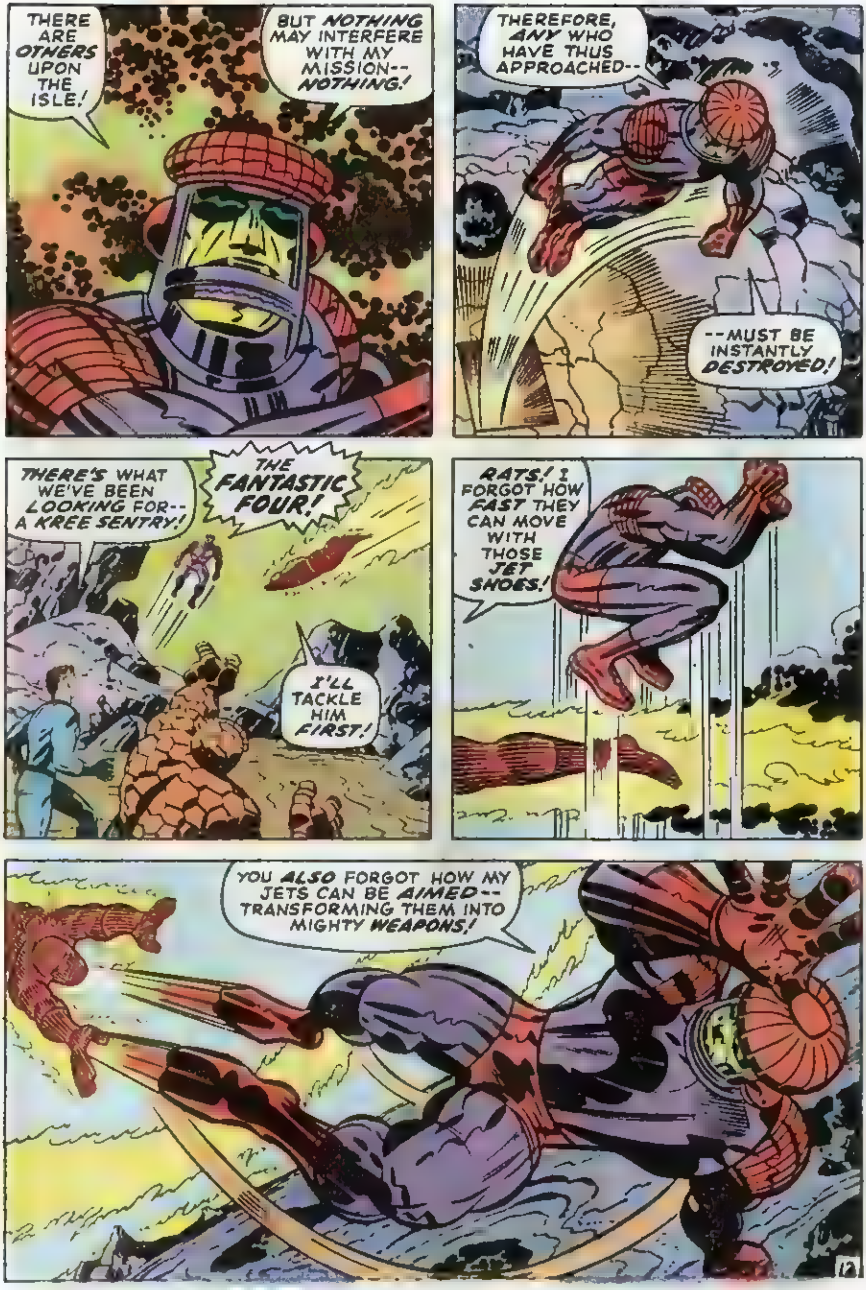

THERE ARE OTHERS UPON THE ISLE!
BUT NOTHING MAY INTERFERE WITH MY MISSION-- NOTHING!
THEREFORE, ANY WHO HAVE THUS APPROACHED--
--MUST BE INSTANTLY DESTROYED!
THERE'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR-- A KREE SENTRY!
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NO MATTER! YOU WILL TROUBLE ME NO MORE!
REED! LOOK OUT!
MY FIRST TASK SHALL BE TO SEIZE YOUR LEADER--
--AND USE HIS MORTAL BODY AS A SHIELD AGAINST YOUR FLAME!
IT'S OKAY, JOHNNY! STAY BACK! I'LL HANDLE THIS!
I KNEW YOU WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE ANOTHER!
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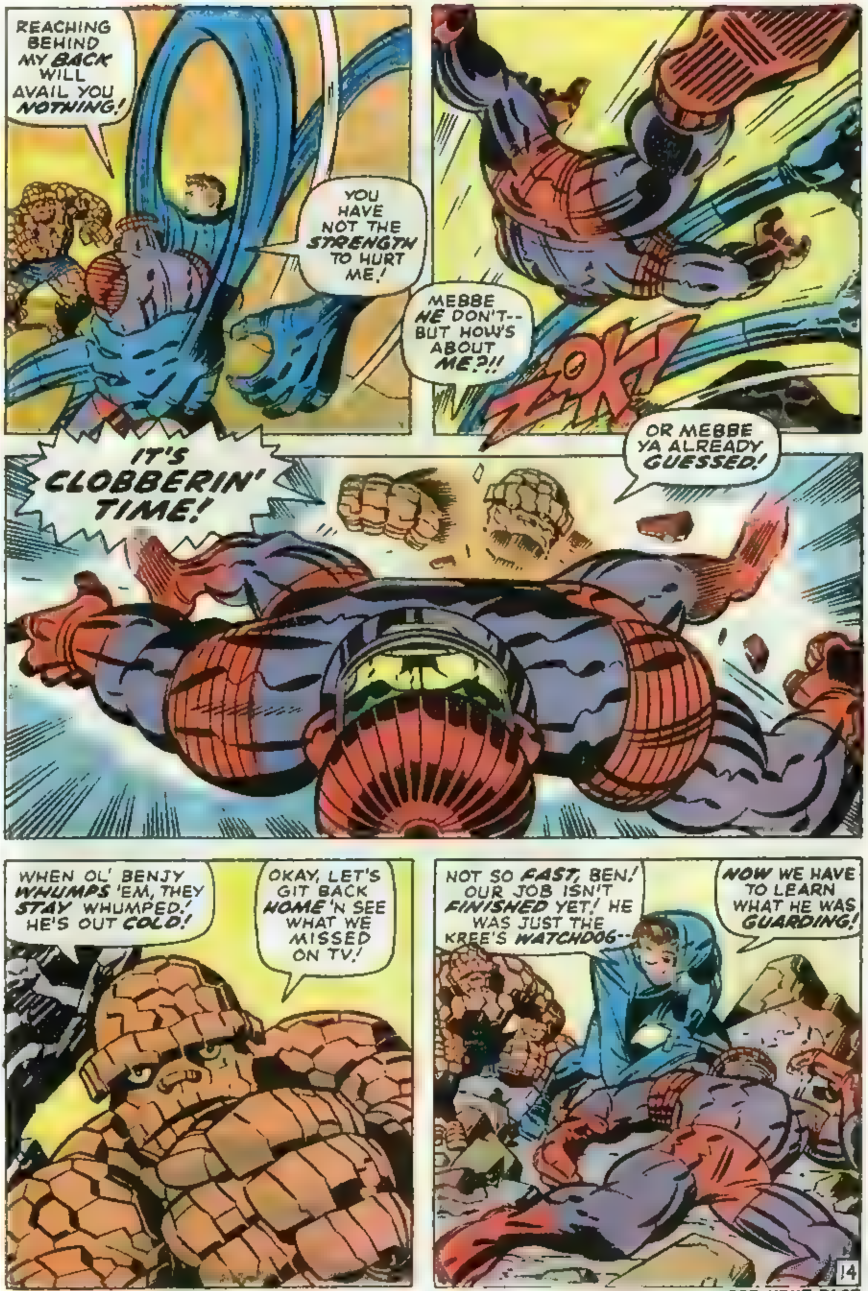

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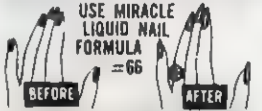

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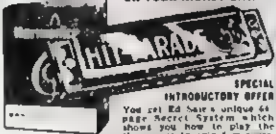

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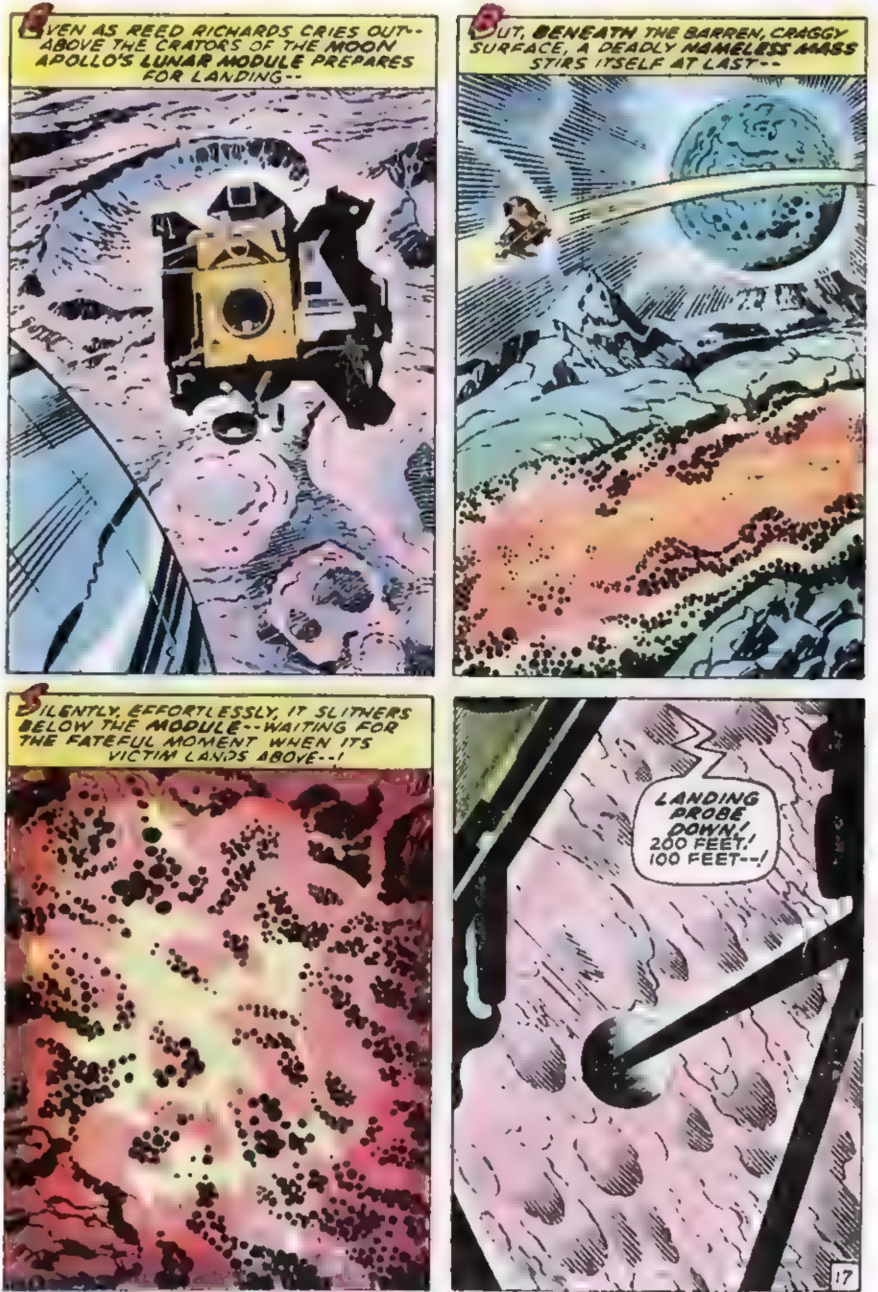
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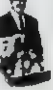

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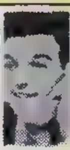

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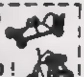

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BUT--DESTRUCT LEVER IS--ON OTHER SIDE! CAN'T--GRASP IT--IN TIME!!
WAIT!! THERE'S STILL--ONE CHANCE!
BEN!! HE'S WAITING--ON THE SURFACE! IF ONLY--HE'LL HEAR ME!
BEN! BEN! BEN!
KLUNG!
IT SURE FEELS GOOD TA BE WANTED!
I HEAR YA TALKIN! PAL!
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YA DIDN'T HAVETA YELL THAT LOUD! I GOT BORED PLAYIN' NURSEMAID TA THAT CREEP, SO I FOLLOWED YA DOWN!
HEY! PAY ATTENTION WHEN A FELLA TALKS AT YA, HUH?
BETTER GIT OUTTA HERE BEFORE THE WHOLE JOINT GOES KERPLOOIE!
UH OH! THERE AINT NO ELEVATOR LEADIN' TA THE TOP!
WELL, I JUMPED DOWN HERE EASY ENUFF--SO I'LL HAVETA GIT UP THE SAME WAY!
MEBBE I AINT NO BLASTED HULK--BUT--
ANYTHIN' HE CAN DO--
YEESH! I COULDA SAVED MYSELF THE TROUBLE--!
THE FORCE OF THE BLAST TOSSED US UP HERE LIKE A BUNCH'A PING PONG BALLS!
GOTTA MAKE IT TO THE MISSILE 'N GIT OUTTA THIS DUMP--
--WHILE THERE'S STILL A DUMP LEFT TO GIT OUTTA!
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SECONDS LATER--
HOW COME YOU GOLDBRICKS DIDN'T WAKE UP SOONER 'N SAVE ME ALL THAT CARRYIN'?
WE WERE--TOO CLOSE--TO THE MACHINE'S RAYS--BEN!
REED! ARE YOU--STRONG ENOUGH TO--HANDLE THE SHIP?
IF HE AIN'T--THIS IS A HECKUVA TIME TA FIND OUT!
THERE'S THE SENTRY! HEY--HE'S IGNORIN' US!
YES! HIS MISSION IS OVER--THE SAME AS OURS! THERE'S NO LONGER ANY NEED FOR US TO BATTLE!
BUT--I STILL DON'T GIT IT! WHAT GOOD DID WE DO? WHAT WUZ IT ALL ABOUT?
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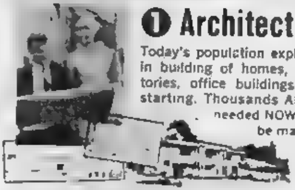

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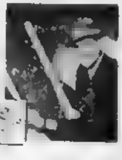

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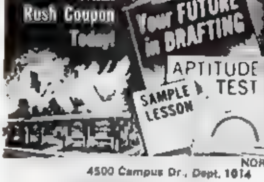

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ITEM! Let's start with the results of organized fandom's biggest popularity poll. The tallies of the 1969 Alley Awards are finally in, and it's almost embarrassing the way mighty Marvel copped most of the main honors. We figured you'd wanna share some of the excitement with us, so here's a brief recap of the way the voting went: BEST COMICS MAG: The FANTASTIC FOUR and SPIDER-MAN ran away with the two top honors, each getting more than twice the votes of its nearest rival. BEST WAR TITLE: SGT. FURY (and his Whatchamacallems), winning by almost two-to-one. BEST EDITOR: Our own STAN LEE (for the umpteenth time). BEST WRITER: You guessed it — STAN THE MAN again — and the biggest kick of all is the fact that RASCALLY ROY THOMAS was voted second choice in this category, showing how fandom's farflung frantic ones feel about our opulent opuses. BEST PENCIL ARTIST was JAUNTY JIM STERANKO, on the strength of the fabulous style and sophistication he has brought to so many Marvel strips — followed by last year's landslide winner, JOLLY JACK KIRBY, our own living legend, who's always the most potent threat in any comic art poll. BEST INKER: Who else but Marvel's JOLTIN' JOEY SINNOTT? We'll tell ya who else — WONDROUS WALLY WOOD grabbed second place — and you'll find W.W.'s artwork gracing our phantasmagoric pages once again. Well, we could go on and on, but you get the idea. Incidentally, if it sounds like we're bragging, you're right! But we're not bragging about us — it's YOU we're boasting about. After all, Marvel's titanic triumphs are nothing more than magnificent monuments to your own good taste!

ITEM! Now let's talk about new developments. BASHFUL BARRY SMITH'S returning to the States from merrie olde England to work on a new top-secret project for us. We can't spell it out just yet, but we've a hunch you're gonna call it mildly sensational!

ITEM! We're bringing out two new mags which will go on sale about May of this year. They're sure to remind you of some of Marvel's greatest experiments of the past, although they'll be done in the latest, greatest dynamite styles of today, by none other than KIRBY, ROMITA, KANE, and HECK! And if that's not enough to whet your appetite—

ITEM! We've inaugurated a new policy of guest-star appearances in our superhero spectaculars. Perhaps you've already noticed more and more guest appearances, such as the Human Torch being featured in the current SILVER SURFER #15, or the Sub-Mariner/Iron Man slugfest in Shellhead's latest ish! And that's only the beginning of a whole magilla of ideas and surprises we've got in store for lucky you, in the months to come!

ITEM! Well, we did it again. Here's the first paragraph of a letter poor Smiley just received from SHEL FELDNER of the drama dept. at the Univ. of California, Santa Cruz. "Oh Stan! What a terrible man you are! I have with great difficulty restrained an army of students from the University of California at SANTA CRUZ from marching on your office with burning pine knots and a hemp necktie. Why do they hunger for confrontation? Because you called their beloved Alma Mater the U. of Cal. at VERA CRUZ!" Luckily, Stan read on before abandoning all hope, and saw: "— — I might mention that the Marvel Era continues at Santa Cruz. I am using your magazines for tryout material in the latest show I'm directing — they're really good for stimulating students." Many thanks, Shelly boy! For an endorsement like that, maybe it's worth making a bonehead blunder or two!

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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Okay, students — it's lesson time again. So many of you have been asking how long it takes to produce one of our cataclysmic comics that I decided to take the easy way out and answer all of you at once — as a public service — and mainly 'cause I can't think of anything else to write about. As you know, we turn out an average of twenty merry masterworks a month, which boils down to about one complete book every working day. Naturally, that doesn't mean we write, draw, letter, and color a complete mag in a single day — even Irving Forbush couldn't do it. But, the work is done on a glorified, nervous-breakdown-inducing, production-line basis. We start a new title every day and take about a month till it reaches completion. If any one book is late, or if any writer or artist or anyone connected with the mag's production misses his deadline, it sets the whole kaboodle back like a set of falling dominos. Now then, if you completely understand any of this, drop us a line and explain it to me. And, whilst wallowing in our usual sea of confusion, I'll start preparing next month's Soapbox, which'll deal with the time it takes for the writer to do his writing, the letterer to do his lettering, and the artist to do his artisting. Then, when we're all done, this avalanche of erudite information is guaranteed to do you as much good as it does us. In other words —

Excelsior! Stan Lee

Don't worry, man!
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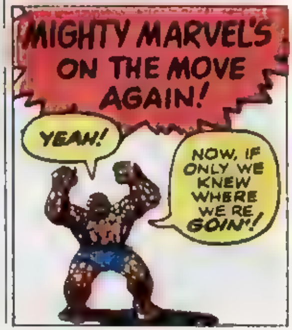
is on another page!



Fantastic Four Fan Page

Send letters to LEE and KIRBY
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Dear Stan and Jack,

It is with a heavy heart and near-tears in my eyes that I have to write this letter. I'm really serious, and I expect you to be, too. It's about the greatest, bravest, yet most tragic hero ever created by anyone, the Thing, Ben Grimm.

You are making it seem that he is not strong at all, and that he's not in the class with Thor, the Hulk, and Namor. Yes, that's what you are doing. He never seems to beat anybody. Something always happens which causes him to end up losing. Whenever he gets into a big fight with Namor, as usual, something happens which makes him lose or the fight ends prematurely. When he fought the Hulk in FF#25, you made it appear as if he were some weakling, or a "pantywaist stick-in-the-mud" as he might put it. Some thing in #26, and then, when they began to fight again near the end of the story, something stupid happens, like falling in a wet tub of cement. Thor is shown beating up Thing, also. Is this the fate you had planned for the Thing? When you first created him, he was shown to be just as powerful as the Hulk ("An enemy who can't be stopped", as you put it).

Some of the things you say make me sick to the stomach. Like when you said that there was an upper class of the S.S., Thor, Hulk, and Subby when he's in the water. I see that you decided not to include Ben. Well, let me tell you something: the Thing can pull any stunt the Hulk can pull, even leap. The Hulk's legs are strong enough to propel his weight great distances, and pound for pound the Thing and the Hulk are equal, then why can't the Thing's legs propel his weight? Spidey can leap a few stories, and Subby was shown leaping in SUB-MARINER #19. So, show up Ben's strength more. Now I know somebody is going to say that Ben has beat Doc Doom, and is going to fight (and probably win) with some dude named Torgo in #93. But, how do we know how strong Doc Doom and Torgo are when we've never seen them fare against somebody like Thor or Hulk?

Now, do this one thing for us Thing fans: by FF #102 have Thing battle the Hulk, and let the fight be to a standstill (or, if possible, let Ben win—which you in your usual prejudiced way, probably won't). And I don't mean that you should let something stupid end the fight, either. Let it have a sensible ending.

Please meet our demands or we Thing fans will stop buying your mags. And no smart remarks, either.

Solomon Arrington, 312 Hamilton Ave.
Paterson, N.J. 07501

You'll never find us getting smart-alecky with a fan who threatens to quit buying our mags, Sol, because a remark like that really hits us where we live! Besides, when you refer to "we Thing fans" and seem to be speaking for all of them, you're really including most of the Marvel Bullpen as well—'cause there's hardly an artist or writer around who doesn't feel that the Thing is one of the greatest artistic creations in the history of comics!

And we plead guilty to accidentally undervaluing bashful Benjy's strength in those letters pages you mentioned. Certainly the Thing is at the very worst in a class just below the stalwarts you mentioned—and we suspect that any of them (the Hulk and Thor included) would be hard put to defeat him in hard-pitched battle. What he might lack in sheer, shattering power, he would doubtless more than make up for in stamina and determination. 'Nuff said?

Dear Stan and Jack,

I really ought to have my head examined. Here I am a busy pre-med student, holding down a part-time job at the Salk Institute taking time to write to Marvel. But when I consider all the enjoyment you have brought me over the years, it is really a very small thing I do in return.

When I saw the question about Stan being over the hill in FF #90 I didn't take it seriously. But since R.E. Plummer brought it up in FF #94, I guess I'll say a word. No one who creates an issue like #94 is over the hill or even near the top. This was perhaps the most beautifully-conceived issue yet. Why?

1.) The main characters had virtually nothing to do with the outcome of the story; the heroes were, untraditionally, secondary characters.

2.) Magic was portrayed with mystery, beauty, and wonder; who can say what was real, what was illusion?

I could go on, but I'd like to mention CAPTAIN AMERICA #121 also. Captain America is a human hero, but in this story the villain was even more human; the ending was touching, poetic, and really surprising. The fact is I could have used SPIDEY #80, or THOR #171, or SS #10 to make my point, because they are all great and Stan is at the root of all these marvelous mags. So, keep the faith, Stan, and remember the enjoyment you bring to so many comic readers.

Glenn G. Hakanson
(Address lost; sorry about that Glen)

Stan's all choked up with emotion, Glenn—because your response is typical of a mountain of mail we received on the subject of Our Leader's current scripting. In fact, if recent comics-fan polls mean anything, ol' Smiley's hunt-and-peck classics are getting better all the time!

And now, it's back to cracking those med books for you, Mr. H! After all, the world can always use a few more hard-working physicians—whose outer office will be amply stocked with Marvel mags, natch!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I just wanted to write and say that I was deeply touched by the gallantry of Torgo in issue #93 of the FANTASTIC FOUR. I am hoping that this is not the last we will see of such a courageous man. One who would put his planet in danger just to save the life of a simpleton like the Thing can't be all bad, right? Incidentally, in issue #16 of F.F.; titled "The Micro-World of Doctor Doom" on page 22, panel 8, a princess in the micro-world, known as Pearla wished for Johnny to stay with her. His words were "I can't leave my pards, Pearla—but mebbe some day I'll be back."

OK, here's my question: when are the Fantastic Four going to visit the micro-world again? After all, how long can you keep a princess waiting? It's been six years and five months already!

Dave Layton, Rt. 2, Ebey Island,
Everett, Washington 98201

Maybe so, Dave, but something else has happened during those six years and five months—a little something named Crystal, to be exact! Hmmm . . . come to think of it, maybe a little sidetrip to Pearla's micro-cosmos would be just the thing to take Johnny Storm's mind off his wandering lady-love. But don't quote us on that, Dave . . .!

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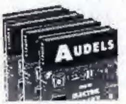

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